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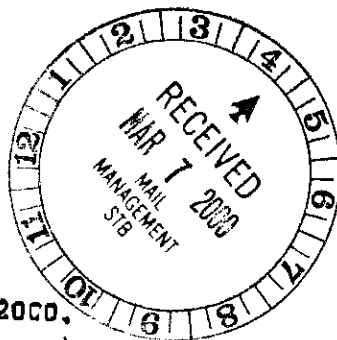


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February 28th. 2000.

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board.
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit.
Attn: STB Ex Parte No 582
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Dear Sir:

CARI- ALL INC. is a company that is a major user of
Rail service in the US and Canada.
The purpose of this letter is to comment on the issues
to be discussed on March 8th, 2000 in Ex Parte 582.

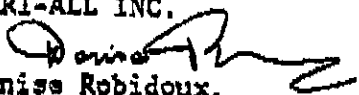
We encourage the Surface Transportation Board to focus
on whether the proposed CN-BNSF combination should be
judged on its merits and if other carriers propose mergers,
then these cases ought to be evaluated on their merits.

The timing of the proposed CN-BNSF combination is not the
central issue to our Co. Our concern is SERVICE.
Recent mergers have failed on service, not because of timing.

The Surface Transportation Board has a comprehensive process
to evaluate railroad transactions and protect the public
interest. It should fairly evaluate railroad transactions
the CN-BNSF combination according to process.
Do not let other railroads use the Surface Transportation Board
process to protect themselves and not shippers.

Sincerely,

CARI-ALL INC.


Denise Robidoux.
Secr.